M AH A J AN): (a) The National Commission for Women (NCW) is drafting a Bill on sexual harassment of women at work place. The drafting of the Bill is at present in a preliminary stage. The Bill can be brought before the Parliament only when it is finalised in consultation with all concerned.

(b) Salient features can only be informed about when the Bill is finalised.

(c) and (d) NCW has informed that it has held some consultations with State Commissions for Women while drafting the Bill. No consultations have been made with the State Governments as yet since the Bill is at initial stage.

GRADUATE ENGINEERS

2819. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of Graduate Engineers passing out every year in the country;

(b) whether India has enough infrastructure to absorb all of them;

(c) the measures taken to provide employment to all the graduate engineers, to solve the unemployment problem; and

(d) whether Government would also encourage them to set up small scale industries by providing liberal loans; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERM A): (a) to (c) The AH India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) grants approval for intake of students in engineering colleges throughout the country. However, admissions to engineering colleges are done by respective State Level Committees. Therefore, the detail of students eventually passing out from more than thousand enginering colleges, affiliated to different universities throughout the

country, is not maintained centrally. Students passing out from the engineering colleges get absorbed in various organisations both in India and abroad and also in areas of self-employment.

(d) As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries, Eligible persons including Graduate Engineers can obtain loans under available schemes for setting up smallscale industries. Engineers arc also eligible to avail loans from commercial banks under priority sector as professional and self-employed persons for the purpose of purchasing equipments, repairing or renovating existing equipments and/or acquiring and repairing business premises or for purchasing tools and/or for working capital requirement.

TRANSFERS IN KVs

† 2820. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 87, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd November, 2001 and state:

(a) whether many transfers in KVs made during the current and the preceding three academic sessions were done on relaxations/ exception basis;

(b) if so, the school-wise, teacher-wise, other employee-post-wise, guideline-wise and the number-wise details of the said transfers; and

(c) the justification of such exceptional transfers in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) The transfer guidelines provide for relaxation by the Commissioner with the prior approval of the Chairman, KVS. About 160 such transfers were effected as per list given in the statement *(see below)* during the said period in view of the compassionate nature of the cases in consonance with the transfer guidelines.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.